



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

MEET THE MAGPIE

By Michael Beaumont of Reznetnews.org

CROW AGENCY, Mont.—Students at Little Big Horn College have collaborated with reznet to create and publish The Magpie, an online student newspaper of the Crow tribal college.

A TRIBAL NEWSPAPER WRITES 'THE END'

By Bonnie Red Elk of Reznetnews.org

POPLAR, Mont.—By a vote of 9-3, the Tribal Executive Board voted to disband the Wotanin Wowapi, the official newspaper of the Fort Peck Tribes, ending almost 40 years of publication.

WHY ARE THE TREES TURNING RED?

CharKoosta News (05/29/08)

MISSOULA — The numbers are staggering. Across the Western U.S., mountain pine beetles in 2005 destroyed more than 2.9 million acres of forests. In Montana, more than 750,000 acres representing 2.4 million trees were killed by mountain pine beetles in 2006. Canada's toll of beetle-killed trees has exceeded 20 million acres.

TRIBES TAKE STAND – NO LAND SOLD OUT OF TRUST

By Bonnie Red Elk Fort Peck Journal (05/29/08)

The Tribal Executive Board took a stand to prevent trust land from being sold out of trust – but at the

same time, they prevented a tribal member from doing what he wants with his land.

COULD A BIOFUEL PLANT ON THE RESERVATION BE A WASTE OF ENERGY?

By Alyssa Kelly CharKoosta News (05/29/08)



The Mission Valley Biofuels LLC Company hopes to use the mountains of waste from Tire Depot to create biofuel, which is a clean 'green' energy resource. Notice the size of the tractor in comparison of the mound of an estimated 25 million tires. (Alyssa Kelly photo)

PABLO — Mountains of garbage and destroyed tires may seem invaluable but for members of the Mission Valley Biofuels LLC Company, it could mean millions in profit. The group met with Tribal Council last week to discuss their plans for building a biofuel plant on the Flathead Reservation.

TRIBES TO HOST COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION SUMMIT JUNE 10

By Richard Peterson Fort Peck Journal (05/29/08)

The Fort Peck Tribes are hosting a meeting between three tribes and several national agencies in hopes of allowing tribal communities to more economic revitalization and development. The Fort Peck, Chippewa-Cree from Rocky Boy and Assiniboine and Gros Ventre tribes from Fort

Belknap will converge in Poplar June 10 as officials from the Native American Community Development Corporation (NACDC) and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation meet with the leaders, local officials confirmed Wednesday.

BLACKFEET VOTERS REDUCE BTBC CANDIDATES TO EIGHT, FINAL ELECTION IS JUNE 24

By John McGill Glacier Reporter (06/04/08)

In voting Tuesday, June 3, Blackfeet voters selected eight finalists in a primary election that eliminated the other 45 candidates that filed.

PEREGOY WINS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR SENATE DISTRICT 21

Posted on CrowNews.net

While it's the Democratic presidential primary that is widely credited with drawing Montanans to the polls in large numbers, the state's voters weighed in on a slew of other state and local races Tuesday.

JUNEAU WINS NOMINATION IN OPI RACE

With nearly 70 percent of the votes tallied, Denise Juneau was ready to accept the nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction.

NATIVE AMERICAN MEN GAIN HAVEN FOR RECOVERY

By Eric Newhouse, Great Falls Tribune (05/05/08)
Blue Thunder Lodge, a new state-funded residential facility for Native American men coming out of drug- or alcohol-abuse treatment programs, has its grand opening today.

A CAREFUL DISTINCTION

by: Editors Report Indian Country Today® 5/30/08

Is there a difference between socialism and indigenous economies? Socialism, as an economic

system, emphasizes redistribution of wealth and collective ownership of the productive resources of the nation. Most contemporary indigenous communities engaged in a market economy probably do not believe they are taking up socialism, even though there are strong traditions for redistributing wealth.

JUDGE HOLDS ONE LAST HEARING BEFORE BIG COBELL TRIAL

Posted on Indianz.com (06/03/08)

The federal judge handling the [Indian trust fund lawsuit](#) said on Monday he plans to hold a two- to three-week trial to determine how much money is owed to hundreds of thousands of Indian beneficiaries.

SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS HEARING ON PREDATORY LENDING

Posted on Indianz.com (06/05/08)

The [Senate Indian Affairs Committee](#) is holding a hearing this morning on predatory lending in Indian Country. The hearing starts at 9:30am and will be broadcast at <http://indian.senate.gov/public/webcast.ram>.

INDIAN CANDIDATE DEFEATS ANOTHER IN MONTANA

Posted on Indianz.com (06/05/08)

Two Montana tribal members faced each other in the Democratic primary on Tuesday. Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, a member of the [Chippewa Cree Tribe](#), defeated incumbent Sen. Frank Smith, a member of the [Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes](#), for Senate District 16. Both candidates have been supported by [INDN's List](#). Windy Boy was term limited in the House so he sought the Senate nomination. The district includes the Fort Peck

Reservation and the Fort Belknap Reservation. The Republican Party did not find a candidate. In other primary news, incumbent Rep. Shannon Augare, a member of the [Blackfeet Nation](#), and incumbent Rep. Margaret Campbell, a member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, went unchallenged and will retain their seats because the Republicans did not present a candidate. James Steele Jr, the chairman of the [Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes](#), lost a three-way Democratic race for House District 15 by just 75 votes. A man named Frosty Calf Boss Ribs won. Again, there was no Republican candidate.

PROTECTIONS SOUGHT FOR ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

By CLAIR JOHNSON Billings Gazette (6/3/08)

Plans for exploring coalbed methane resources at Rosebud Battlefield State Park in southeastern Montana are on hold for now as the state and parties with minerals interests try to find a way to protect the historic site from energy development.

STUDENTS TO BRING NATIVE HISTORY HOME

By BETSY COHEN of the Missoulian

Five University of Montana graduate students leave Sunday for the nation's capital on a mission to reclaim the history of Montana's tribes.

RESERVATION FLIERS – ECONOMIC DATA FOR TRIBES

The Department of Labor and Industry announces updates to last year's first ever Reservation Fliers of the seven Tribal Nations located in the State of Montana. The Fliers provide a detailed picture of the economic and demographic status of the Blackfeet, Crow, Flathead, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne and Rocky Boy's reservations. This year data is included on the Little Shell

Chippewa for the first time. The Fliers provide nation specific data on annual average wages, employment levels, agricultural statistics, income distributions and much more. A principle goal of the Fliers is to provide useable data for people interested in doing business on the reservations.

JOB VACANCIES:

ENGINEERING MANAGER #57028, Montana Department of Transportation, Glendive or Miles City. Salary \$80,844 Annually. The District Construction Engineering Manager is responsible for directing and overseeing District Construction program operations and activities throughout all phases of highway construction projects. The scope of duties includes program planning and administration; project management and contract administration; District Construction operations management; and performing a variety of other duties as assigned. For a complete listing and to apply, please see us at www.mdt.mt.gov.

NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POSITION OPEN IN HELENA The Helena Indian Alliance (HIA) is seeking a Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Physician Assistant (PA) to serve in a mid-level medical provider capacity at our IHS/Leo Pocha Memorial Clinic. Position is open until filled. Indian preference applies. Salary negotiable.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ACADEMIC SPECIALIST

Department: Services For Academic Success

Position Description: This position in Services For Academic Success is responsible for providing administrative support, academic advising, career guidance, personal counseling, diagnostic testing, financial aid assistance and advocacy to students. This is a federally funded program which provides academic support services to approximately 250 low-income, first-generation, learning disabled and physically disabled college students. This position is full-time for a 10-month period of time (Aug 1—May 31) and is contingent upon federal funds.

Qualifications: *Required* Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in education or counseling is required, master's degree preferred. Three years' teaching and/or counseling experience with college students preferred. Excellent computer skills and database management is required. *Preferred* Preference given to candidates with backgrounds similar to those of TRIO participants.

To Apply: To apply, submit a letter of interest, resume, Rocky Mountain College application which can be obtained at <http://www.rocky.edu/rocky-pdf/HR/application-staff.pdf>, and a list of three references via email by June 30, 2008 to jobs@rocky.edu or mail to: Miss Casey Thompson, Human Resources, Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102. [Download Employment Application \(pdf\)](#)

Human Resources
Rocky Mountain College
1511 Poly Drive
Billings, Montana 59102-1796

Additional Information: AA/EOE: As an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, we encourage applications from individuals with disabilities, veterans, minorities and women.

TRIBAL COLLEGE LIAISONS (2): JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR) ensures compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies for USDA customers and employees regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, political beliefs, parental status, protected genetic information, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

The incumbent serves as a member of the OASCR/1994 Program. The mission of the program is to assist the 1994 land-grant institutions in conducting non-traditional education and outreach activities to help meet the needs of Native American people, and to provide essential services to their communities.

DUTY LOCATIONS: *CROW AGENCY, MONTANA & FORT YATES, NORTH DAKOTA

EVENTS/TRAINING:

NOMINATE MONTANA'S BEST PLACES FOR NEW NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAPGUIDE

(HELENA) – Put your favorite place, event, or activity on the map! The National Geographic Society, with help from partners around the Greater Yellowstone region, is producing a new National Geographic MapGuide that will celebrate and help sustain the world-class natural and cultural heritage of the Greater Yellowstone region.

Governor Brian Schweitzer encourages residents and visitors from around the area to attend and learn about the project and nominate sites for the map. The nomination deadline is June 30th. More information is available at <http://www.yellowstonegeotourism.net>.

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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE INDIAN FARMERS

The National Congress of American Indians has issued reminders that the response rate of Indian farmers and ranchers to the 2007 Census of Agriculture has shown lower numbers than anticipated. The census numbers guide program decisions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and NCAI is urging farmers and ranchers to respond to the census by June 14. A toll-free number, (888) 424-7828, is available for information and assistance; the USDA is accessible online at www.agcensus.usda.gov; the Intertribal Agricultural Council can be reached through executive director Ross Racine at rracine@indianaglink.com; and NCAI's Daniel Cordalis is at dcordalis@ncai.org.

TRIBAL ID WEBSITE: OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Office of Indian Affairs is hosting a **Tribal ID** website. This site contains the As of October 1, 2007, Montana law that went into effect October 1, 2007 requiring that a tribal identification card be treated the same as a Montana identification card for identification purposes www.tribalid.mt.gov.

1904 FORT SHAW INDIAN SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

A documentary film has been produced on Montana's 1904 Fort Shaw Indian School Girls basketball team. The Feature film is in development. Visit www.shootminnieshoot.com for more info and to add your personal stories about the team, if any. For a better viewing of the film trailer, search 'shoot minnie shoot' at youtube.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

National Endowment for the Humanities

AMERICA'S MEDIA MAKERS: PRODUCTION GRANTS MODIFICATION 1

Description: Grants for America's Media Makers support media projects that explore significant events, figures, or developments in the humanities and offer creative and new approaches to humanities content. America's Media Makers projects promote active exploration and engagement for broad public audiences in history, literature, archaeology, art history, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities. NEH supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excites, informs, and stirs thoughtful reflection and urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. Grants for America's Media Makers should enable greater audience engagement with the humanities, encourage dialogue and discussion, and foster discovery-based learning across the age spectrum. Production grants support the preparation of a program for distribution. Applicants must submit a script for a radio or television program or a prototype or storyboard for a digital media project that demonstrates a solid command of the humanities ideas and scholarship about the subject. The script for a radio or television program or prototype or storyboard for a digital media project should also show how the narrative elements, visual approach, and interactive design combine to present the humanities ideas. Applicants must have consulted with the appropriate scholars about the project and obtained their commitment as advisers. Finally, applicants must have recruited the media team, including at a minimum the producer, director, writer, and, for a digital media project, the interactive designer.

National Endowment for the Humanities

AMERICA'S MEDIA MAKERS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS MODIFICATION 1

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These grants cover a wide range of activities including, but not limited to, meetings and individual consultations with scholars, location and archival research, preliminary interviews, preparation of program scripts, designs for interactivity and digital distribution, and the creation of partnerships for outreach activities and public engagement with the humanities. The product of development grants should be the refinement of the humanities ideas, a script, or a design document for (or a prototype of) digital media components or projects. Development grant products may also result in a detailed plan for outreach and public engagement in collaboration with partner organizations. Before applying, applicants must have a solid command of the major humanities scholarship on the subject, have clarified the ideas the project will consider, and have consulted with a team of scholarly advisers to work out the intellectual issues the program will explore. Applicants must also have made preliminary decisions about the format and storyline and located essential materials for the program(s). Finally, they must have recruited the appropriate media professionals, especially the producer, writer, or interactive designer.

United States Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs/ Office of Juvenile Justice
[DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2008](#)
[STRENGTHENING YOUTH MENTORING THROUGH](#)
[COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS MODIFICATION 1](#)

Description: This solicitation invites applicants to propose initiatives that will increase local communities' capacity to develop and implement mentoring programs and provide mentoring services, particularly to populations of at-risk youth who are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges, or other situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
[YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN TRAIL BUILDING GRANT](#)

Description: Provide training and experience in trail building in open space areas.

Environmental Protection Agency
[FY 2008 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT](#)
[PROGRAM FOR TRIBES](#)

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from tribal governments and Intertribal Consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian Country. In accordance with the EPA Indian Policy of 1984, EPA recognizes tribal governments as the primary parties for managing programs for reservations.

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
[COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT TRAINING AND](#)
[TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: CAPACITY](#)
[BUILDING GRANT](#)

Description: The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that applications will be accepted to fund up to 48 capacity-building collaborations that will build the capacity within the Community Services Network, in support of National Community Action Goal 5 (Agencies Increase their Capacity to Achieve Results).

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
[FY2008 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS FOR THE FAMILY](#)
[VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM](#)
[GRANT](#)

Description: This funding announcement will provide financial support for the development of family violence intervention services and prevention efforts under three priority areas: Priority Area I: Specialized Outreach Demonstration Projects for Services to Underserved and Diverse Populations; Priority Area II: Open Doors to Safety: Capacity-Building Grants for Domestic Violence Programs; and Priority Area III: Technical Support for Open Doors to Safety Grant Programs. Awards will be cooperative agreements or grants depending upon the priority area.

United States Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs/ Bureau of Justice Assistance
[ELECTRONIC AND CYBER CRIME TRAINING AND](#)
[TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MODIFICATION 1](#)

Description: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Electronic and Cyber Crime Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program serves communities by providing training, technical assistance, and related support that leverages cooperative efforts between electronic and cyber crime training and technical assistance service providers. Funds can be used for expansion or enhancement of training and technical assistance programs that have national scope. This may include programs providing investigative support to local law enforcement agencies.

U.S. Department of Transportation
DOT/Federal Transit Administration
[TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM \(TTP\) MODIFICATION 1](#)

Description: FTA is accepting applications for the discretionary funds available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 for the Tribal Transit Program (TTP). The program was established under Section 3013 of SAFETEA-LU which authorized \$45 million from the Nonurbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. 5311) for FY 2006-2009, to be apportioned for grants directly to Indian tribes. Under the TTP, Indian tribes are eligible direct recipients. The funds are to be apportioned for grants to Indian tribes for any purpose eligible under the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5311 program). In FY 2008, \$12 million is available for allocation to projects selected through the process announced in the May 21, 2008 Federal Register Notice and as outlined in this announcement. Prior to SAFETEA-LU, the Section 5311 program did not include a separate public transit program for tribes. Tribes were eligible under the Section 5311 program only as subrecipients. SAFETEA-LU authorized a TTP and authorized tribes to be direct recipients of Section 5311 Program funds. As expressed in the Conference Report for SAFETEA-LU Congress intended that the funds available for the TTP not replace or reduce funds tribes receive from States under the Section 5311 program.

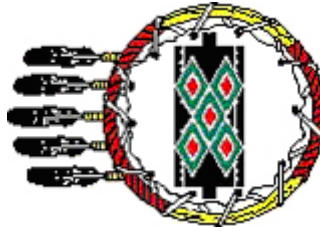
Tribal Emergency Management Conference

June 3-5, 2008

United Tribes Technical College
Bismarck, North Dakota



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Pre-registration Form

Name: _____ Tribe: _____

Position: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

(Please make additional copies of this form if registering more than 1 person from Tribe.)

About the conference

This conference is designed to assist tribal nations in building on their current emergency management programs and enhancing response and recovery capabilities in times of natural and man-made disasters.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in roundtable discussions to discuss implementation details for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and address concerns and issues regarding the NIMS process.

Conference Fees

\$100.00 payable to United Tribes Technical College. This includes breakfast, breaks, noon meals and conference material.

Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education credit will be available to participants.

Lodging Information

- ***Expressway Inn***
1 person \$57.95 plus tax
2 people \$67.95 plus tax
1-800-456-6388 for reservations
Ask for group "Tribal"
- ***Expressway Suites***
1 person \$69.95 plus tax
2 people \$79.95 plus tax
1-888-774-5566 for reservations
Ask for group "United"

Please be sure to tell them you are registering for the conference to receive the group rates. Deadline for special rate is: May 19, 2008.

Contact Information

To register or for additional information about the conference please contact:

- **Barbara Schmitt, UTTC**
701-255-3285 ext. 1436

Pre-Registration: Please complete the attached form, fold, tape and return to UTTC (along with payment), ATTN: Barbara Schmitt, by **May 16, 2008**.

UTTC-Leadership Solutions
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Attention: Barbara Schmitt

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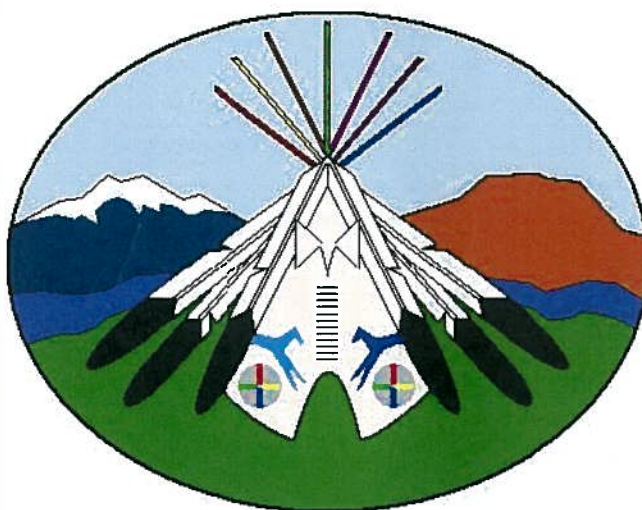
The 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

Billings Holiday Inn June 24-26, 2008

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Conference Goals

- ♦ Improve management capacity of Tribes.
- ♦ Identify and share lessons learned.
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- ♦ Address Tribal sovereignty, the federal trust relationship and social justice.
- ♦ Familiarize Tribes with Tribal and non-Tribal environmental protection initiatives.



Who Will Attend:

- ♦ Federal government representatives
- ♦ Tribal Members
- ♦ Tribal Administrators
- ♦ Tribal Health Professionals
- ♦ Tribal Environmental Professionals
- ♦ Environmental Advocates & Celebrities

Highlights

- ♦ Nobel Peace Prize Winner-Dr. Steve Running
- ♦ Acting Director of the Indian Health Service-Robert G. McSwain
- ♦ State Legislator & Chippewa Cree Council member-Jonathan Windy Boy
- ♦ Several Environmental Experts: Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, Dr. Daniel Wildcat & Cal Seciwa

Area Attractions:

- ♦ Crow Native Days-Battle of Little Big Horn Reenactment
- ♦ Historical Talks at local sites-Sacrifice Cliff & Black Otter Trail
- ♦ Pictograph Cave State Park or Chief Plenty Coups State Park
- ♦ Pompey's Pillar National Monument
- ♦ Yellowstone River, Stillwater River, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.
- ♦ Yellowstone National Park & Buffalo Bill Historical Center are only 2 hours away!

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